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Re: DOJ-2019-003647  
DRH:ND

Dear William Fernandes:

This is responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 27, 2019, and received in this Office on April 3, 2019 in which you requested records pertaining to expenses of the Special Counsel's investigation, dating from 2017 through 2018.<sup>1</sup>

Please be advised that information concerning the expenditures of the Special Counsel's Office can be found on the Department's website at <https://www.justice.gov/sco/statements-expenditures>. I trust that this material satisfies your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (2018). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Valeree Villanueva, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

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<sup>1</sup> You directed your request to the FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit (MRU), Justice Management Division, who forwarded it to this Office for handling. The MRU tracking number associated with your request is EMRUFOIA032719-4.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal at <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



Douglas R. Hibbard  
Chief, Initial Request Staff

Enclosures